

Priestly Vocation Shortage

CANBERRA, Australia — (NC) — Widespread changes to update seminary training in Australia and New Zealand were recommended by more than 40 philosophy professors from seminaries and universities. The conference recommended that seminary philosophy students be sent to universities for at least one or two years.

The professors also said there should be greater integration of philosophy and theology studies.

LILLE, France — A reorganization in the Lille minor seminary has led to the inclusion of girls in some seminary classes, and seminarians in the classes of a nearby girls' schools.

The novel situation arose when three schools decided to cooperate to strengthen their educational curricula.

ESSEN, Germany — A group of seminarians from the Essen diocese have started to work in factories as part of their training for the priesthood. The group lives together in a home near the factory.

Bishop Charles H. Helmsing, of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., told National Conference of Vocation Directors, that to increase vocations there must be greater stress on duties which are truly priestly. The bishop lauded the movement to get Sisters and laymen to teach in minor seminaries as a step in the right direction. He said priests in high schools should teach only religion to make their role "more distinctive."

SPOKANE, Wash. — For the first time, the faculty of Mater Cleri minor seminary of the Spokane diocese will include a woman — Sister Marian Catherine, ranked by many as the No. 1 teacher of biology in the state.

SANTA FE, N.M. — The Santa Fe archdiocese is undertaking a "crash" program to find ways to attract men to a life as priests.

There are some 135 priests in the archdiocese now, Msgr. Tournier said. He added: "We don't even have enough young men in our seminary now to replace the men we will lose by the normal attrition of age and death."

LINCOLN, Neb. — (RNS) — Ordination of specially selected laymen, after six months of intensified study at a seminary, to perform most of the functions of a parish pastor was proposed by a priest here to help alleviate shortages of Catholic clergy in Latin America and other areas.

The proposal was made by Father Michael Lies, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi church in Wichita, Kan. He suggested that parish elders meet under supervision of a bishop's delegate to elect, in secret ballot, a lay leader whom they would like to have as a priest.

Belmont, N.C. — Mrs. Kay M. Baxter, pictured at right a distinguished British educator, writer and prominent Anglican Churchwoman will be on campus at Sacred Heart College, Belmont, N.C. Sept. 29 and 30. She will speak at the College Convocation Sept. 29 at 3:00 p.m. on "Grace or Gorgon? The Image of Woman in Contemporary Theatre;" Her final formal lecture will be on Sept. 30 at 8:00 p.m. when she will discuss, "Contemporary Theatre and Religious Communication."

Her visit is part of the Danforth Lecture series which is sponsored by the Danforth Foundation and the Association of American Colleges.



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Father Schomber, C.S.S.R.

A Requiem Mass was offered for Father James Schomber at 4:00 p.m. on Sept. 13. Father Schomber died of lung cancer after a month's confinement in the hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. Bishop Charles McLaughlin was celebrant, Father Lawrence Everett, C.S.S.R., a classmate of the deceased gave the eulogy. Thirty members of the clergy were present. At the time of his death Father Schomber was pastor of Immaculate Conception church in Rocky Mount. Surviving is his brother Father John Schomber, C.S.S.R. and an elderly Aunt and Uncle.



The deceased was born in 1915 in New Bedford, Mass. and entered the Redemptorist Prep Seminary after grade school. He was ordained in 1942 and served in a parish in Baltimore until 1945 when he was sent to the Redemptorist Missions in the Matto Grosso section of Brazil. He remained there for 19 years and in 1964 was given the assignment at Rocky Mount. He was 51 at the time of his death.

Changes Needed

BOSTON — (NC) — "Present lay organizations are not, for the most part, serving the needs of the Church as they are seen in the light of Vatican II," according to a report made to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men here by a special post-conciliar study commission.

New structures both on the parish and diocesan levels were seen by the commission as needed for implementation of decrees of Vatican II.



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Knights of Columbus Roundup

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Installation of officers for the 1966-67 fraternal year took place at WILMINGTON COUNCIL 1074 recently with District Deputy Joseph J. Stoffa, of Jacksonville, the installing officer. A good attendance was on hand. Brother LEO JEROME MERCK was presented a Certificate of Merit as "Knight of the Month" for August "in recognition and grateful appreciation of his faithful and exceptional services to his Council and his Order." Grand Knights Ernest King paid tribute to Brother Beck for his outstanding work in connection with the Trailer Chapel during its stay in Wilmington. "I think the Council as a whole can feel proud of the good-will that resulted from having the Chapel here," said Brother King.

KNIGHT LIFE OF MARIA IMMACULATA COUNCIL 3390, DURHAM, reports the election of VINCENT O'SHEA as successor to JAMES J. MORRIS, JR., as Deputy Grand Knight in a contest with MIKE MCCARTHY and JIM EBERWEIN . . . FRANK RAGUSA has been named "KNIGHT OF THE MONTH" for August. "The confidence placed in Ragusa by his appointment as Youth Activities Committee Chairman is being fully justified by his outstanding performance." . . . "The social season is swinging in high gear. Barely had the Council recovered from the highly successful 'Family Outing' staged by ED BACK and his Council Activities Committee, when Back announced that a 'Ladies Night' would be held in October." . . . Brother DOMINIC CROLLA has resigned as Editor-in-Chief of "Knight Life," but continues as Public Relations Chairman . . . The Council Bowling Team is in full swing. A second team is being organized by HENRY SHELLEY and BILL VAN PELT.

MSGR. ARTHUR R. FREEMAN COUNCIL 5487, GOLDSBORO, is enthusiastic over the visit to the Wayne County Fair of the "Chapel on Wheels" which drew much attention and favorable comment during its stay there. A large amount of literature was distributed to visitors. . . . A successful First Degree exemplification was held on Sunday, 18 September at 2 o'clock.

New Carolina Industries

Maxton

Stedman Manufacturing Co. of Asheboro has announced plans for a \$250,000 plant at Maxton. It will provide employment for about 100 persons when it reaches peak production around the first of 1967.

Albemarle) and where a \$10 million expansion of its facilities is now underway.

The newest expansion follows closely the one completed in 1964 at a cost of \$50 million.

Beaufort

Mr. Elmer Willis has opened a new scallop processing plant in Carteret County near Beaufort. He has used automatic shucking machines and quick freezing processes. The high quality has already developed a big market in northeastern U.S.

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